**Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes by Johanna Santinho**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

**Location: VRA Media Center**

**Minutes approved at 3/12/2019 SAC Meeting.**

1. Call to Order: Holly Nover
   1. Quorum met & Meeting began at 3:30pm
   2. Reminder of 5-star voting members/ sign-sheet
2. Review of January Meeting Minutes
   1. Motion to approve minutes made by Craig Myers
   2. Motion to second by Kerri Gustavson
3. 3rd Grade Spotlight
   1. 3rd grade students from Ms. Kerry Hickey’s class presented their findings on their studies of baby chicks.
   2. 3rd grade students also presented and reenacted their wax museums
4. SAC Funds - Professional Development Summary: Tricia Ingle
   1. Ms. Ingle Thanked the SAC members for the opportunity
   2. Ms. Ingle discussed her observations
      1. Takeaway: addressed recognizing cultural bias on dyslexia and dyscalculia
5. SJCSD Focus Group Summary: Maria Salomon
   1. Shared observations made by the superintendent, Mr. Forson’s focus group
      1. Maria shared Mr. Forson’s relatability and a bit of his history as an educator. She expressed how lucky we are to have him in the county.
      2. Teacher accountability in alignment to benchmarks
      3. Media center become hubs for stem
         1. Maria offered the example of lego stations
      4. Maria will attend March focus meeting
6. SAC Needs Assessment Reminder
   1. Holly reminds school Needs Assessment will go out March 1 -15
   2. Encourage the community & peers to take assessment and set the discussion for the future of our school
7. School Board Update: Kelly Barrera
   1. Thanked Maria for her description of Mr. Forson’s Focus group and his vision, then added Mr. Forson’s focus on teacher support through family centered environment and professional development
   2. Shared the purpose of the focus group is to represent all schools
   3. Additional cross-section focus groups created by Mr. Forson, are Student Advisory Council, Teacher of the Year Council
   4. Nease HS currently undergoing Ray road construction for additional turn lane
      1. A memorandum was signed earlier in the day approving the turn lane
   5. Congratulations o behalf of the board to VRA for winning the Soup-er

Bowl

* 1. Palencia host the stem fair in March & Science fair awards take place on February 14th
  2. High school academies make decisions and come to a close in March
  3. Control open enrollment closes in March
  4. Teacher of the year is celebrated
  5. Testing season begins March 1st
  6. Gifted prevention advisory Council on February 28th

1. Principal Update: Sandra McMandon
   1. Reiterate the compliments to Mr. Forson, and mentioned Mr. Forson was Social Studies teacher
   2. The PLC process at VRA continues to grow with the collaboration element
      1. Friday is in service day and VRA will dedicate the day to the process of PLC
      2. Provide teachers with time to collaborate amongst their PLC time
      3. Audrey Holts will host/ provide professional development on Friday
   3. Stem Fair at VRA was success and students amazed Ms. McMandon
   4. Yash Sing will represent VRA Thursday night at Palencia Stem-Fair
   5. Festival of the Arts is coming up on the 23rd 4pm- 6:30pm
      1. Students will have their displayed art for sale
      2. All levels of band will perform
      3. There will be food trucks, photo booths, and business partners
   6. Testing season has arrived
      1. We need proctors
      2. FSA have moved to May and EOCs, as well as district testing has been relocated to April as per the State of Florida
      3. Contact PTO and Home room teachers for volunteers information and proctoring
2. Old Business
   1. No old business
3. New Business
   1. Next meeting reminder
4. Adjournment
   1. Motioned to adjourn at 4:02 made by Megan Terry
   2. Motion to adjourn seconded by Asha Folmsbee